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SUBJECT: REQUEST LEAHY AMENDMENT HUMAN RIGHTS VETTING

11. (SBU) ACTION REQUEST: As required by the Departments of State and Defense Leahy Amendments, Embassy requests that Washington conduct soonest the required human rights review of the below listed Panamanian Public Force person(s) and/or unit(s) and that State Department transmit the results to Embassy and U.S. Southern Command.

PNP, National Police, Juvenile Division, Maria Angelica Celis, 11 February 1949, N-16-777

12. (U) Embassy is currently conducting its own review and has thus far found no credible information that the aforementioned person(s)/unit(s) has been involved in gross human rights violations. Embassy thanks the Department in advance for its timely consideration of and response to this matter.

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